

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

Current Situation Report for March 18, 2020

Delaware Agricultural Statistics 490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area)		
Agricultural Preservation Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	1,292	1,536
Pending	15	15
Farm Terminations	105	23,899
Totals	1,307	174,470

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	590	691
Pending	2	2
Farm Terminations	41	10,618
Totals	592	87,620

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	120	135
Pending	3	3
Farm Terminations	7	2,896
Totals	123	131

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	582	710
Pending	10	10
Farm Terminations	57	10,385
Totals	592	663

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Settlements Final	908	125,457	\$220,671,325
Pending Round 21	1	103	\$117,752
Pending Round 22	3	169	\$239,012
Pending Round 23	92	8,204	\$13,932,518
Totals	1,004	133,933	\$234,960,607

Averages of Easements			
No. Easements	All 1,004	Last 5yrs- 209	Last 3yrs- 180
*Discount	*59%	*70%	*69%
Farm Size	134 acres	91 acres	88 acres
Payment Landowner	\$233,925	\$136,258	\$135,226
Cost Per Acre	\$1,752	\$1,493	\$1,542

Agricultural Easements by County				Easement Land Use		
County	Farms	Acres	Cost	Type	Acres	%
Kent	495	69,536	\$101,784,003	Cropland	85,249	64
NewCastle	101	14,394	\$ 36,814,921	Forestland	36,537	27
Sussex	408	50,003	\$ 96,361,683	Wetland/Other	12,147	9
Total	1,004	133,933	\$234,960,607	Total	133,933	100

*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

Funding for 1,004 Easements
 * State Funds- \$160,437,473
 * USDA Funds- \$ 56,667,757
 * County Funds- \$ 14,411,786
 * ISTEAs Funds- \$ 1,250,000
 *Other Funds- \$ 2,193,591
***Est. Total Funds \$ 234,960,607**
***Landowner Disco \$ 333,020,264**
***Est.Total Value \$ 567,980,871**
 *Est. Closing Costs \$5,528,000

Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 24 Appraisal			Total Number of Properties To Appraise in Round 24		District Applications Received in 2019	
County	Farms	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Kent	112	12,974	62	5,223	11	1,302
New Castle	23	3,075	13	812	4	239
Sussex	184	19,656	118	12,660	35	2,565
Totals	330	37,705	193	18,695	50	4,106

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Forestland Current Situation Report
As of March 18, 2020

Forestland Preservation Areas			Forestland Applications Received in 2019		
	#	Acres	County	#	Acres
Approved	50	4,313	Kent	2	68
Pending	0	0	New Castle		
Withdrawn	2	50	Sussex	4	568
Total	50	4,313	Total	6	636
Not in Easement	23	1,880			

New Castle County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	1	43
Pending	0	0
Total	1	43

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	23	1,377
Pending	0	0
Total	23	1,377

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	26	2,843
Pending	0	0
Total	26	2,843

Forestland Preservation Areas			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	5	427	\$617,277
Sussex	6	501	\$833,527
Pending	3	150	\$113,234
Settlements Final	14	1,078	\$1,564,038
Farmland Easement	15	1,365	

Source of Funds 14 Easements

State -	\$ 1,151,635
Nature Conservancy-	\$ 412,403
Total of Costs	\$ 1,564,038
Landowner Discount-	\$ 2,997,930
Grand Total Value	\$ 4,561,968
Est.Settlement Costs	\$ 64,717

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements

Programs	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Forestland Preservation Area Easements	14	1,078	\$1,564,038
Farmland Preservation Easements	1,004	133,933	\$234,960,607
Total of Forestland & Farmland Easements	1,018	135,011	\$236,524,645
Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount			\$336,018,194
Grand Total Value			\$572,542,839

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program

Settled Loans	Total Acres w/o Residential		Appraised Easement Value	Announced Farmer Loan Amount	Actual Farmer Loan
36	2,802	Acres 2128 662 12	Type Cropland Forest Other	\$12,644,304	\$8,630,719
# Prequalification Applications Received	# Approved	# Waiting for Review	# Denied or No Longer Qualify	Settlement Costs Total Cost	\$199,259 \$8,448,703
113	95	0	18	Young Farmer Loan Applications: Round 9 – 2 approved applications totaling 119 acres & 1 new application totaling 63 acres	